



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY JANUARY 11, 2022
MINUTES**

A meeting of the City Council ("Council") of the Village of The Hills ("the Village") was held in person and remotely. Mayor Wharton called the meeting to order, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Council to wit:

Greg Wharton, Mayor	Jim Nelson, Councilmember, Treasurer
Hilda Potsavich, Mayor Pro Tem	Sarah Carroll, Councilmember (via Zoom)
Robert Smith, Councilmember, Secretary	Rick Van Dalen, Councilmember

and all said persons were present thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Wendy Smith, Sonja De La Fuente and Linda Lunney, Village of The Hills, and Tom Stiles, POA.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance after Executive Session.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council went into Executive Session at 9:00 a.m.

The Mayor and City Council may adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to, Sections §441.071 (Consultation with attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), §551.087 (Economic Development), §418.183 (Deliberations

about Homeland Security Issues), and as authorized by the Texas Tax Code including, but not limited to Section 321.3022 (Sales Tax Information).

§551.074 Personnel Matters: City Staff Compensation Review

The City Council came out of Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. and convened the Regular meeting at 9:33 a.m. The Mayor reported that a Compensation Committee consisting of Councilmembers Carroll and Van Dalen was formed to further study compensation, benchmarks and benefits.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5. PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented to Linda Lunney honoring her for her years of service as City Secretary.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of December 14, 2021
- B. Finance/Treasurer's Report for December 2021

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved approval of the consent agenda; Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS

A. Law Enforcement

Constable Ginnetti provided the report regarding this item. He advised that he has received complaints regarding golf cart violations, so he is watching. His department is going through some changes at this time and if he is moved, he will let the City know as soon as possible. He noted that speeding has calmed. He has cracked down on those rolling stop signs, and traffic is improving. There was discussion held regarding cell phone usage on golf carts and Constable Ginnetti confirmed that the same rules apply to cell phone use on golf carts as to regular vehicles.

B. POA Liaison

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich reported on the POA meeting:

- A special meeting was held on December 16, 2021, where a boiler plate contract was approved. Land Care is the new contractor and Chad Clark is the Account Manager. A drive through The Hills was done with the new contractor and they were advised that the fountain would be fixed.
- There are currently two openings on the POA.

There was discussion held among the Council regarding the definition of a resident and how renters may be held responsible as residents.

C. MUD Liaison

There was nothing to report, as the next Board meeting will be held on January 17th.

D. Club Liaison

Councilmember Van Dalen advised construction begins in February with no closures.

E. Park Liaison

Councilmember Carroll reported there was a meeting held on January 6, 2022. The Commission discussed the following:

- Brian Menendez was appointed Vice Chair
- The Secretary will rotate until filled.
- There are three open positions and Amy is working on the messaging.
- Holidays in the Park feedback was that it was a successful event at a great value for the cost of \$3,000.
- Establishing a Social and Maintenance/Beautification committee were discussed.
- Beginning planning for first quarter of 2022 and events.
- Looking at hosting a movie night on April 1, 2022, and currently seeking sponsors.

F. Youth Advisory Commission

City Manager Smith reported that the YAC met on December 30, 2021, and January 9, 2022. The Nursing Home Adoption event is scheduled for February 13, 2022, and will be a COVID friendly platform.

G. City Manager's Report

City Manager Smith reported on the following:

- The radar sign will be going up today.
- Oak trimming is in the last couple of weeks.
- The Grounds and Facilities Manager position has been posted again.
- The drainage issue behind Councilmember Van Dalen's home is being looked at and staff is working with MUD on a potential long-term plan.
- Rulemaking has been published for COVID relief funds.

H. Mayor's Report

Mayor Wharton reported that high density zoning has been approved by Lakeway at Lohman's Crossing (up to 20 units per acre from 12). He also reported that Lakeway is also looking at whether to continue operating the airport.

8. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. Discussion and consideration of approving a contract with Green Dream International for Walking Trail VTH.003

City Manager Smith provided the report regarding this item. She reported that the contract is currently enroute to the Pennsylvania office. She requested review and approval by the Roads Committee.

There was a consensus of the Council that the Roads Committee would review and approve the contract.

B. Discussion and consideration of The Walking Trail project report and design elements

City Manager Smith provided the report regarding this item. She requested approval of moving forward with requesting a change order in the amount of \$50,000 to add limestone to the path.

Councilmember Van Dalen requested the work be done both ways simultaneously. City Manager Smith will discuss options with the contractor in the Pre-Construction Meeting.

Councilmember Smith moved to authorize the City Manager to issue a change order in the amount of \$50,000 and bring back to Council for approval.; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

C. Discussion and consideration of a Community Service Award and Volunteer Dinner

The Mayor requested his name be removed from the list of nominees and to push the date to March or April due to the County currently under Stage 5 COVID restrictions. He also asked that seasoned Councilmembers educate the new Councilmembers on the selection criteria.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved to table the item until the February meeting; Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

D. Discussion and consideration of appointing Sonja De La Fuente as City Secretary and Records Administrator

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved to appoint Sonja De La Fuente as City Secretary and Records Administrator; Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

E. Discussion and revocation of Ordinance No. 14, establishing a Planning Commission.

The Mayor requested tabling this item until the February meeting due to timing of recruiting other various positions in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved to table the item until the February meeting; Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS

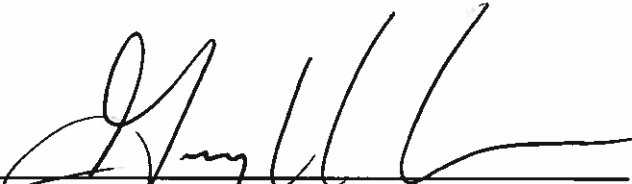
New business items to be included on the next agenda.

No new business items were requested to be included on the next agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

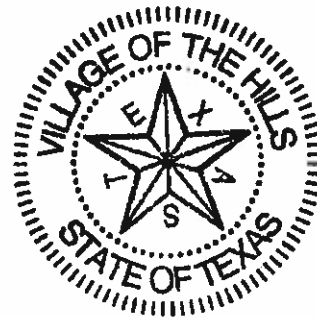
Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved to adjourn at 10:15 a.m.; Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Signed this 8th day of February 2022.



Greg Wharton, Mayor

(Seal)



ATTEST:



Sonja De La Fuente, City Secretary